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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicant hereby appeals the decision of the Examiner in the Final Office Action dated January 28, 2003. The required fee for filing a Notice of Appeal in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) is attached. The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to debit Deposit Account no. 50-1129 if there is any variance in the amount required and that submitted or if the payment cannot be made otherwise.

No additional extension of time fees or requests for extension of time, or any other fees or petitions, including fees for adding new claims, are believed to be necessary to enter and consider this paper. If, however, any petitions or extensions of time are required or any fees are due in order to enter or consider this paper or enter or consider any paper accompanying this paper, including fees for net addition of claims, or in order to keep this

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application pending, applicant hereby requests any extensions or petitions necessary and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1129 for any fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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